LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: August 9, 2005, Work Session AGENDA ITEM NO.: 4

CONSENT: REGULAR: X CLOSED SESSION: (Confidential)

ACTION: INFORMATION: X

ITEM TITLE: Fire & EMS Department - 2015 Plan

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

SUMMARY:

The Lynchburg Fire & EMS Department conducted a comprehensive analysis of response data and performed a community inventory assessment of various environmental factors in order to forecast future emergency response and fixed facility requirements. Partial lists of strategic objectives that will be studied and implemented as a result of the research are as follows:

- Continue efforts specific to maintaining a diverse organization,
- Evaluate the departments ability to locate, access and manage emergencies in remote areas,
- Establish a Regional Public Safety Steering Group to address mutual and automatic aid response policies,
- Assess all fire & EMS services provided, fixed facility locations, equipment, and infrastructure supplies to address future response requirements based on commercial and residential growth,
- Develop a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to address the current and future safety of our citizens and employees.

Fire Chief Buddy Martinette will attend Council's work session to highlight the attached report and respond to Council's questions. Although the data gathered by the Fire and EMS Department will be used primarily for its planning, the information may also be useful to other City Departments.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

Council approval of Fire & EMS Strategic Plan in 2001

FISCAL IMPACT: None at this time

CONTACT(S):

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ATTACHMENT(S): Lynchburg Fire & EMS 2015 Plan

(This attachment can be viewed in the Office of the Fire Chief at 800 Madison Street, Lynchburg, VA)

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